

# Statewide Water Advisory Group

Revised Proposal for Organization  
of Topic Areas

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# Comments from Questionnaires

- Primary attention should be paid to rural Arizona water issues
- Focus on legislative proposals
- Consolidate into two workgroups to aid with logistics and to reduce overlap
- Give appropriate consideration to the relationship between land use planning and water supply planning
- Considerations of watershed health and management extend beyond water supply augmentation

# Growth ↔ Water

1. Review of subdivision water adequacy requirements
2. Ability for platting approval authorities outside of AMA's to consider water supply adequacy
3. Exempt wells (private domestic wells)
  - A. Impact to sustainable water supplies
  - B. Relationship to lot-split and dry lot subdivisions
4. Planning assistance
  - A. Improvements in data collection, management, and scientific analysis
  - B. Inter-agency and inter-governmental coordination
5. Statewide water conservation and drought planning assistance.

# Water Supply Development and Management

1. Obtaining water rights and access to supplemental supplies
  - A. Colorado River allocation and shortage policies
  - B. Augmentation opportunities
  - C. Protection of existing rights and agricultural economies
  - D. Protection of hydrologically sensitive areas, rivers, streams and wetlands
  - E. Long term sustainability of supply sources
  - F. Review of water transfer and marketing laws
2. Watershed health and management concerns
3. New infrastructure and improve existing infrastructure
4. Funding issues and opportunities
5. Creation of regional water management “Districts,” “Authorities,” or “Agencies”

# Workgroup Discussion Process

- Prioritize, Order, and Scope each topic area
- Describe the current conditions and current state of the law
- Discuss and propose changes to the current condition, if warranted
- Recommend changes to:
  - Policy (potential rules)
  - Statutes (potential legislation)
- Workgroup product will be conceptual – not detailed legislative language

# Schedule

- Three meetings for workgroup process
  - July 21
  - August 4
  - August 18
- Workgroups will meet on the same day
  - Morning session - 9 am – noon
  - Lunch
  - Afternoon session – 1 pm - 4 pm
- Full SWAG will reconvene on September 1 to discuss and refine recommendations